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The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 13 and 16 May 1994, there appear to have been 14 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are annexed to the present note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,647.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(13-16 May 1994)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1657 1658	13 May	1200	1201	UNPROFOR personnel observed 2 MI-8 helicopters with red crosses landing at Tarcin. The unauthorized flights took place in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Unknown Slow Low
1659	13 May	1318	1325	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) fighter aircraft gained radar and visual contact with a Gazelle helicopter just north of Banja Luka. The contact was lost at 40 kilometres north-east of Banja Luka. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	East 100 knots Low
1660	14 May	1214	1250	NATO fighter aircraft made radar contact on a track operating north of Prijedor 45 kilometres north-west of Banja Luka. The contact was lost 5 kilometres north of Prijedor. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	Various Slow Low
1661	15 May	0447	0510	NATO fighter aircraft gained visual contact on a green camouflaged Gazelle helicopter 47 kilometres south-west of Banja Luka. The contact was lost in the vicinity of Zaluzani airbase. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	North-east 99 knots 50-100 feet
1662	15 May	0630	0640	NATO fighter aircraft gained visual contact with a green Gazelle helicopter 28 kilometres east of Bosanski Petrovac. The track faded south of Banja Luka. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	North-east Slow Very low
1663	15 May	0651	0710	NATO fighter aircraft gained visual contact with a green Gazelle helicopter 15 kilometres east of Bosanski Petrovac, heading west. The helicopter landed before resuming its flight and departing the no-fly zone in a south direction. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	West and south Various Various
1644	15 May	0815	1316	The flight began as an approved medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) flight from Pale to Zvrnik and return. The flight became a violation when it left Pale with additional unauthorized passengers and deviated from the approved flight plan. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	North-east Slow Low

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1665	15 May	0900	1234	The flight began as an approved MEDEVAC flight from Posusje to Kiseljak and return via Split. The flight became a violation when it deviated from its flight plan and arrived in Kiseljak with unauthorized passengers. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	North-east Slow Low
1666	15 May	0900	1200	The flight began as an approved MEDEVAC flight from Posusje to Kiseljak and return via Split. The flight became a violation when it departed with an unauthorized passenger (a Croatian Defence Council general). The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	North-east Slow Low
1667	15 May	0917	1525	UNPROFOR personnel observed a camouflaged MI-8/HIP take off from Posusje in a northerly direction. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	North Slow Low
1668	16 May	1053	1225	The flight began as an approved MEDEVAC for 15 patients from Posusje to Kiseljak and return via Split. The flight became a violation when it left Kiseljak with 30 people (only 2 were patients and 28 were healthy passengers) and transported an additional unauthorized passenger from Split to Posusje. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	Various Slow Low
1669	16 May	1527	1534	AWACS gained radar contact with a track 28 kilometres north-west of Posusje, flying on a south-westerly heading directly underneath United Nations flight 184 (a Yak-40). It flew underneath the United Nations flight to the Croatian border and then headed south. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	South-west 103 knots 1,000 feet
1670	16 May	2031	2038	The track was first detected by United Nations flight No. 130. The track was identified visually by the United Nations flight as a helicopter flying directly underneath it. AWACS reported intermittent radar contact 35 kilometres north-west of Posusje. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	South Slow Low